

REMARKS

Election of Species

The election/restriction requirement dated May 24, 2005 holds that this application contains claims directed to eight (8) patentably distinct species. More specifically, Applicants are required to elect one of the following patentably distinct groups/species for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Species I - Figures 8-11;

Species II - Figures 12-14;

Species III- Figures 15-17;

Species IV - Figures 18-20;

Species V - Figure 21;

Species VI - Figure 22;

Species VII - Figures 23-24; and

Species VIII - Figures 25-27.

Additionally, the Office Action indicates that at least claims 1, 104 and 105 are generic.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Species I as illustrated in Figures 8-11 without traverse. Applicants believe that claims 1-5, 8-10, 12-14, 18-22, 24, 25, 29, 33-38, 41-43, 45-47, 51-55, 57, 58, 62, 66-75, 78-80, 82-84, 88-92, 94, 95, 99 and 103-105 read on Figures 8-11.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 1-5, 8-10, 12-14, 18-22, 24, 25, 29, 33-38, 41-43, 45-47, 51-55, 57, 58, 62, 66-75, 78-80, 82-84, 88-92, 94, 95, 99 and 103-105 since they read on the elected species shown in Figures 8-11. Claims 6-7, 11, 15-17, 23, 26-28, 30-32, 39, 40, 44, 48-50, 56, 59-61, 63-65, 76, 77, 81, 85-87, 93, 96-98 and

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100-102 are believed to be directed to a non-elected embodiment. Thus, these claims 6-7, 11, 15-17, 23, 26-28, 30-32, 39, 40, 44, 48-50, 56, 59-61, 63-65, 76, 77, 81, 85-87, 93, 96-98 and 100-102 can be withdrawn from consideration in this case. However, Applicants respectfully request that these non-elected claims be considered upon the allowance of a generic claim in accordance with U.S. patent practice.

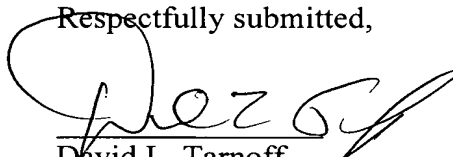
Amendment

Upon reviewing this application after filing, Applicants noticed typographic errors in claims 16, 49, 84, 86 and 89. Thus, Applicants have amended claims 16, 49, 84, 86 and 89 to correct the errors. Entrance of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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